Cathy is greeted by the only officer on duty: ROBERT BLAKE. Blake has a youthful, but seasoned face.

BLAKE
Good afternoon, sir. Come on in. Have a seat. My name is Robert Blake.

CATHY
Hello, sir. My name is William Cathy.

BLAKE
It certainly is hot today, isn't it? What can I do for you, Cathy?

CATHY
Well, sir, I'd like to enlist.

Blake grabs his enlistment checklist.

BLAKE
Alright, I can definitely help with that. How old are you?

CATHY
18.

BLAKE
Did you graduate from high school?

CATHY
No, sir.

BLAKE
That's not a problem. We'll give you the ASVAB at MEPS.
(He notices Cathy's look of confusion)
Sorry, Cathy. We use lots of acronyms. You'll get used to it. The ASVAB is an aptitude test and MEPS is short for Military Entrance Processing Stations. That's where you'll be sworn in. Let me see if we have a flyer...Ah, here we go.

Blake hands Cathy a flyer.

CATHY
Thank you.

BLAKE
We always need more soldiers, but we don't get many volunteers. Why do you want to join?

CATHY
My family could use the money.

BLAKE
I understand. Are you married? Will you be leaving behind a wife? Kids?

CATHY
Uh, no sir. I help take care of my mom.

Blake hands Cathy an application.

BLAKE
She must be proud to have such a brave son. This is the application. After you submit it, we can schedule you for processing.

CATHY
Can I do it now?

BLAKE
Certainly.

Cathy completes the application and hands it to Blake.

CATHY
So, is it official? Am I in the army?

BLAKE
Not quite, Cathy. You'll need to pass the ASVAP and a physical. If you pass both tests, you'll be sworn in.

CATHY
There's a physical?

BLAKE
Yeah, but don't worry. You shouldn't have a problem. You look like you're in good health.